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## TAFT'S CLAIMS AND OUTLOOK.

If it is true that President Taft will have six hundred delegates at the Chicago convention he will have more than enough to nominate him; but among his friends there is a well-grounded fear that he is counting on pledged delegates from the South who are about as reliable politically as were the blue jays, the swarm of bees and the new-born calf that an early surveyor fixed upon to mark the boundaries of a forthcoming village site.

These Southern delegations merely represent their personal appetites for a job; and they will take the shortest route to a job whether they are pledged otherwise or not. In the want of a real party or of public sentiment behind them, there is nothing in the way of outside opinion to control or influence these delegates. Specifically, in the present juncture, if they think the trend is away from Taft they will follow it; and they may be counted on to make a lightning change in convention, if expediency suggests, from their tall hats and frock coats to sombrero's and cowboy chaps.

There are many Republicans who wish that a dark horse would come to relieve the present situation; but, since Hughes left the political firing line to take refuge in a neutral zone, there have been no dark horses available. There were plenty of them in past conventions. Time was when, as in the conventions of 1876, 1880, 1884 and 1888, groups of giants disputed for the mastery. But it is so no longer; and it looks as if the American nation like early Rome in Caesar's time, had begun to feel that "her wide walks encompassed but one man."

## THE DIRECT PRIMARY IN HAWAII.

A direct primary law in Hawaii would mean the same here that it would in the Southern States, if voting were free in that quarter, namely that the people who have most at stake in Hawaii and pay the lion's share of the taxes, would have least to say in the political management of the country.

The specific effect of a direct primary law would be two-fold: It would promote bad government and graft politics; and in self-defense it would unite all the responsible voters to secure a change in our system of government either to that of an appointed commission, as in the Philippine islands, or a non-voting system as in the District of Columbia or a military system as might be properly adopted for a strategic base. One thing is sure that a government by the qualified classes would be insisted on by the Hawaiians who have always had the largest influence at Washington.

As things are now they are not perfect, but they are far better than they could be by any changes which are suggested by the habitual place-hunters and demagogues. Now everybody has some show; everybody is represented; color-line politics are frowned down on both sides; Hawaii has a chance to get tourists and settlers without scaring them by socialist innovations. Better to try to improve the things we have, rather than to fly to others we know not of and suspect darkly.

And let us remember that many arguments might be had to win approval for a direct primary among the highly-trained citizenship which apply reversely here. Sound legislation for Hawaii takes account of Hawaii only and gets small encouragement from the experience of opposite communities.

## THE BILLBOARD QUESTIONS.

With billboard advertising in the rural districts the Star never had a favorable opinion. It did its part to urge the removal of the old McKechnie sign from Punchbowl's sacrificial rock. But the subject is not now a practical one here, where no such rural nuisance obtains and none will while Mr. Frazier controls the local business. Our billboards are in town and occasionally they perform the admirable function here which such devices did in San Francisco during the fire ruin era, by covering up objectionable objects. In other places about town they are kept out, mainly by Mr. Frazier's responses to civic pride.

These billboards as they stand, represent property rights which may be sold. The territory is exclusively Mr. Frazier's in a business sense in that the American Billboard association, having agreed to keep out of it while Mr. Frazier stays, does not plaster it with signs. But suppose Mr. Frazier should find it best for his peace of mind to sell out to the American Billboard association or drop the field, with the prospect that the association would occupy it? What then? Would not our last condition be worse than our first?

It may be urged that the same methods that prompted Mr. Frazier to get out might be used with effect against his successors. But don't be too sure. The class that opposes billboards from civic pride is not the one that will hurt the trade in certain things that it uses by going without. Whisky drinkers and tobacco users have no antipathy to billboards and had just as soon read about brands and prices on fences as in newspapers. People who have become accustomed to certain standard articles don't mind how they are advertised, whether on billboards or on the broad sides of stores where they are sold. Beer drinkers won't stop drinking beer because they see their favorite brand named at every turn of the road. Now in a fight with the American Billboard association here, the net result would be the advertisements that anti-billboard people least want and which that section of the public buying the things advertised would not object to. Would that be a desirable reform? Would not the beautifiers and reformers prefer the Frazier method, with its public-spirited deference to localities and its elimination of advertising of which the association makes much?

## A ONE-TERM PRESIDENCY.

One of the most statesmanlike and patriotic reforms of the present day is the one proposed by Representative Clayton of Georgia, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary. It provides the following substitute for Section I, Article II, of the Constitution of the United States:

The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of six years and shall be ineligible to a second term.

The reasons why it should be adopted as part of the fundamental law are:

1. That it would end some of the peril of a dictatorship.
2. That it would confine a President's activities to the public business and give his policies time enough to develop.
3. It would take politics out of appointments.
4. It would take the White House out of campaign procedure.
5. It would less frequently disturb business by general elections.

When the South seceded, its statesmen, in seeking to better the old system, established a one-term presidency of seven years; and a similar innovation ought to commend itself to conservative sentiment all over the Union.

## MANIFEST DESTINY.

There can be little doubt that Colombia was eucured out of the ownership of Panama by an assisted revolution; and still less doubt that Colombia intended to cinch the United States in any direct case of site purchase and sale, and that, if the United States had been satisfied with a chance to dig the ditch on her terms, Colombia would have insisted on an interest in the tolls and control of the fortifications. As it was she stood in the way of an enterprise of world-wide moment which she could not carry out herself; and manifest destiny simply tossed her from its cow-catcher.

Great Britain had a similar experience over the Suez canal. Egypt played France against England and held the balance of power herself in canal matters. But in the end Egypt played to lose, as it must ever be with a small power which opposes the eminent domain of the world's commerce as represented by a great commercial state. It

## SPRING POETRY

By WALT MASON.

It is indeed a blessed thing that lots of words will rhyme with spring; there's wing and king and sing and bring, and fifty-seven more, by jing! And when we've written "sunlit leas," we have our choice of trees and bees, and breeze and sneeze and fleas and cheese, and sundry other words like these. And when we speak of "azure skies," we have a stock of flies and pies, and stys and maidens' eyes—oh, watch the sweet afflatus rise! There are so many words that rhyme, the poet has an easy time; there's clime and thyme and crime and prime, and now and then perhaps a dime! Of course we have to ring in babbling streams, which bring us round to twilight dreams; and then, as inspiration steams, we reach for themes and schemes and beams. We must refer to singing woods if we deliver would the goods, and this leads up to noble pines, suggesting vines and twines and shines. Oh thunder! Any healthy bard could loaf around in his back yard and write spring poems by the mile along the old accustomed style. The same old verdant woodland nooks, the same old bughouse babbling brooks! The same old birds on joyous wing, the same old harp, the same old string! Copyright, 1912, by George Matthew Adams.

WALT MASON.

is little she has to do now or since Beaconsfield's time with canal matters, and the world is the better off because of the lesson taught the dull, brute stupidity with which Egypt acted in the Suez transaction.

The civilization of the world imposes stern tasks. Thus the United States could not afford to heed the protests of her Indian tribes against the constant advance of its frontiers. As a matter of practical fact the world belongs to those who can make the best use of it for the good of all. The British have taught that lesson in South Africa, the Russians and Japanese in Manchuria, the French in North Africa, the Americans in the isles of the sea. What are mongrel Colombians to set up a defeated chance to speculate against this universal law?

Speaking of the Starrett warning, Hawaii has no particular fear of antagonizing California by seeking fair play. It can get along better without the favor of that state than California can get along without the millions represented by our trade. This Territory is California's best customer. If it wanted to it could change its business over to the Puget Sound cities. So let California do the bawling first.

If the I. W. W. would work as hard as they talk they wouldn't have any time or disposition to muddle up the courts.

Beware of Greeks when they come bearing gifts of advice to the uppermost Republican faction here.

The Republican party won't elect any man sheriff who is generally in need of the attentions of one.

Captain Amundsen wants to rediscover the North Pole and perhaps be rediscovered himself.

Anyhow Taft made a better showing in Ohio than Roosevelt did in New York.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ROBERT BOND—On the stock situation—Many nibble, but few are nipt.

J. L. FLEMING—Mr. Schwarzberg is off on a vacation—just taking a little pleasure trip on his own account.

L. L. McCANDLESS—I believe Bryan will be nominated by the Democrats, and Hughes by the Republicans.

J. D. TUCKER—The government lots on Punchbowl are being appraised and will be sold at auction on August 8.

W. W. CHAMBERLAIN—That editorial in the Star on Nolte's was one of the best and truest things I have read in a long while.

CLIVE DAVIES—I would like to have the old street names restored: Palace square, Beretania street instead of "avenue," Waikiki road instead of Kalakaua avenue.

E. B. BLANCHARD—Between adulterated Honolulu icecream, Australian butter full of boric acid, and watered milk, the health inspectors are having their hands full right now.

W. E. BELLINA—Nolte's daughter, Mrs. McGuire, knows all about the establishment she has bought and will see that the old traditions are maintained.

GEORGE A. DAVIS—If Roosevelt gets the nomination and gets elected, A. L. C. Atkinson will be the next governor of Hawaii. Now you just mark what I've said.

A. W. EAMES—I wanted to return on the Titanic, but my daughter wished to take a French steamer, as a friend was on the passenger list, so I reluctantly changed my plan. We got the news of the disaster, the Monday after it occurred.

ED TOWSE—The old-fashioned Fourth will be right up to the mark. For the literary exercises in the grounds of the Executive building we shall have about 150 massed singers to take part in the program.

R. A. WALL—California raises good potatoes, but practically none of them are sent down here. Most that I have seen have been culls, and should certainly not be used for seed, because they are badly infested with pests of one kind or another.

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL SMITH—We are negotiating for the purchase of some land in Hawaii just at present and this, together with an influx of minor detail matters with which the department has been swamped, is keeping us pretty busy.

D. LOGAN—Napkins came to Nolte's when the Women's Exchange started. Chief Justice Judd went to the new place, leaving Nolte's and Nolte complained. The Judge said he had to have a napkin when he ate, so Nolte provided such articles for all and saw that they were always fresh and clean.

GEORGE P. THIELEN—There's an awful lot of people in this town that

but one load of rubbish could be hauled per day from Kaimuki to the dumps by ordinary mule cart, that it would be much cheaper to buy and use auto trucks. No doubt that auto trucks would be cheaper on long hauls, but why haul so far? Is there any sense in carting garbage such a distance? Is that introducing business methods in the government service? Unless it is such garbage that it is best to burn from a sanitary standpoint, why haul it such long distance? Why not bury it in places close to the district where it is gathered? Do you mean to say that garbage must be hauled from Kaimuki, or Waikiki, or upper Nuuanu street, or Palama to the incinerator at Kakaako, in order to get rid of it? Yes, if it is the sort that must be burned; but it is not necessary for tin cans, and the stuff gathered up on a clean-up day. It is a fact, Mr. Editor, that there is still on the wayside rubbish from the last clean-up day, and every one knows that the excuse put forth at that time for not clearing it away was that "teams were not to be had," that "the expense was too great," etc. Let me suggest that committees be appointed to select places for dumping the rubbish in these several districts if there is to be another clean-up day, for two reasons: in order that it may be gotten rid of this time, and also for economy. It is ridiculous to think of hauling it several miles. It is unnecessary.

C. F.

## SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE.

Under and by virtue of a writ of execution issued by the Honorable J. M. Monsarrat, District Magistrate of Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, on the 16th day of April, A. D. 1912, in the matter of Oahu Investment Co., Ltd., an Hawaiian Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Tong Him Wo, Defendant, I did in said Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1912, levy upon and shall offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Police Station, Kalakaua Hale in said Honolulu, at 12 o'clock noon of Saturday the 8th day of June, A. D. 1912, all the right, title and interest of the said Tong Him Wo, Defendant, in and to the following property, unless the sum of Forty Six and 70-100 (\$46.70) Dollars, that being the amount for which said execution was issued, together with interest, costs and my fees and expenses are previously paid:

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Dated at Honolulu, May 8, 1912.  
CHARLES H. ROSE,  
Deputy Sheriff.

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